

The Frontier **Review Sheet (textbook pg. 111-133)**

The Conquest Of The Indians (textbook pg. 116)

- ❑ Why did Western settlers want land? List the reasons.
- ❑ How did **land policy** toward the Native Americans change over time?
 1. **“One big reservation”**
 2. **Concentration**
 3. **Reservations**
 4. **The Dawes Act** (arguments for and against assimilation)
- ❑ **Reasons for Indian defeat:** technology (telegraph, railroad, guns), large number of white soldiers (and many conflicts), starvation and exposure, disease, death of buffalo

The Cowboys And The Ranchers (textbook pg. 117-119)

- ❑ How did the cattle business in the West change over time?
 - **Beginnings** of cattle industry – vaqueros, Texas
 - **Expansion** of cattle industry – railheads, cattle drive (long drive), stampede
 - **Cattle drives end** – loss of value, Kansas law
 - **Ranches** grow in importance – railroads expand, ranchers move near railheads
 - **Big companies** dominate – water sources, overgrazing, low prices, weather

Farming The Frontier (textbook pg. 120-124)

The Great Plains

- Government – The Homestead Act, military posts, Dept of Agriculture
- Technology – windmills, barbed wire, advanced plows, lister
- Other – dry farming, sod

Bonanza Farms

- Government – same as above
- Technology – same as above, also equipment such as twine binder and combine
- Other – John Deere; also special treatment from the railroad and from suppliers
- Why did large bonanza farms succeed on the Plains and dominate small farms?

California

- Government – irrigation districts (resolution of conflicts, limits on debris)
- Technology – railroad, irrigation systems

Mining And Lumbering (textbook pg. 124-127)

- **Gold Rush** – locations, prospecting, placer mining, hydraulic mining, Henry Comstock, Levi Strauss, James Cash Penny
 - How did gold mining towns differ from farm towns and railheads?
- **Business of Mining** – quartz mining, immigrants, copper, lead, borax
- **Lumbering** – locations, log drive, sawmill
 - Why did large corporations dominate the mining and lumber industries?
 - How did technology influence the mining and lumbering industries?
- **Alaska** – the last frontier, William Seward, “Seward’s Folly,” gold, copper, fur, fish, timber, coal, oil

The Impact Of The Frontier (textbook pg. 128-131)

- How did the image of “The Frontier” shape a vision of the West and of America?
 - End of the frontier, Frederick Jackson Turner, Turner Thesis, dime novels, William F. Cody, Owen Wister, Edward S. Curtis, conservation
 - Western literature and views of the frontier – *Roughing It*, *Shane*, *The Virginian*
 - How do the following themes relate to ranching, farming, mining, and lumbering?
 - Influence of technology
 - Employment of new immigrants
 - Domination by a few large companies